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Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are as follows: modification of the overall orientation (paras. 7.1-7.4) and of subprogramme 1 (paras. 7.6-7.9); subprogramme 2 (paras. 7.10-7.14); subprogramme 3 (paras. 7.15-7.18); and subprogramme 7 (paras. 7.33-7.35), as well as the addition of a new subprogramme, 9, entitled "Sustainable forest development".

4. The proposed revisions reflect the adoption of new mandates, in particular: General Assembly resolutions 55/2 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration and 56/95 on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit; changes derived from the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253; Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/29 on the information and communication technologies task force and 2000/35 on the report on the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, by which it established the United Nations Forum on Forests; Council decision 2001/293 on the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its first session and the provisional agenda for its second session, by which the multi-year programme of work of the Forum for the period 2001-2005 was adopted; and new inter-agency coordination arrangements.

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5. Consultations on the proposed revisions took place with relevant bodies as indicated below:

Subprogramme	*Reviewing body*	*Date reviewed*
2. Gender issues and advancement of women	Commission on the Status of Women	March 2002
3. Social policy and development	Commission for Social Development	February 2002
9. Sustainable forest development	United Nations Forum on Forests	March 2002

6. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 (Introduction, Sects. 1-33 and Income sects. 1-3). It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

7. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 7, Economic and social affairs

Overall orientation

7.1 The overall purpose of the programme is to strengthen international economic and social cooperation and to promote development in a comprehensive, inclusive and far-sighted manner. ~~The United Nations is in a unique position to address the interests of all countries, including the requirements and development concerns of countries that are profoundly affected by the powerful tide of forces moving global change but with little capacity individually to influence the processes that are under way~~. **The adoption of the Millennium Declaration provides a mandate to rededicate the United Nations to the real needs of people everywhere and to address their concerns and aspirations. The powerful tide of forces in a rapidly globalizing world is having a profound impact on development and on the need to strengthen multilateralism. The opportunities, challenges and risks call for deeper analysis, the building of international consensus and the strengthening of operational support. The work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in those three areas is mutually supportive and enriching.** The programme will continue to pay particular attention to the overall objective of promoting sustainable development, in particular to eradicate poverty and to address the special needs of Africa, the least developed countries, the land-locked transit developing countries and the small island developing States, as well as to the promotion of South-South cooperation. The programme will be further guided by the need to empower women through gender mainstreaming, advocacy and the design of policies to achieve relevant targets. [*changed to reflect para. 9.2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

7.2 Relevant legislative authorities include the programmes and platforms of action adopted by the General Assembly, such as the International Development Strategy; the Agenda for Development; the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992), **the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1994), the International Conference on Population and Development (1994), the World Summit for Social Development (1995), the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995), the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (1997), the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1999),** ~~and~~ the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at ~~that conference~~ **the International Conference on Population and Development** (1999), the World Summit for Social Development (1995), the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and further initiatives (2000), ~~the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995),~~ the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (2000), ~~and~~ the World Education Forum (2000), **the Millennium Declaration (2000) and the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (2001). In addition, it is expected that the decisions of the General Assembly on the outcomes of the International Conference on Financing for Development, the Second World Assembly on Ageing and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (all scheduled for 2002), will provide further legislative authority to the programme**. [*changed to reflect references to new mandates; and legislative authorities are placed in chronological order*]

7.3 The programme has the most extensive capacity within the United Nations system for economic, social and demographic statistics, including the collection and analysis of data on demographic issues, and distinct capacities in the key areas of macroeconomic analysis, sustainable development, social development, public economics and public administration, as well as gender issues and the advancement of women. In addition, through its capacity for normative and operational work, the programme is able to provide effective integrated support for the formulation of policies by the concerned intergovernmental bodies and processes

and to advance their follow-up at both the global and national levels, ~~Of special importance in this regard is promoting the development of policies on macroeconomic issues, such as those being pursued in the finance for development process; the renewal of dialogue through partnership in the General Assembly; the high-level consideration of economic and social issues in the Economic and Social Council, including the Council's dialogue with the financial and trade institutions; the continuing policy dialogue in the Assembly and the Council on globalization and interdependence and the related implications for development; and the integrated follow-up to global conferences.~~ **in particular the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences. Of special importance in this regard is the follow-up of the Millennium Declaration and the promotion of the development of policies on macroeconomic issues**. [*changed to reflect new mandates*]

7.4 The programme also has special responsibility for coordination, within the United Nations, through the Executive Committee for Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations system as a whole. In relation to the latter, the programme is responsible for providing support to the Economic and Social Council and for interactions between the Council and the ~~Administrative Committee on Coordination~~ **United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination**. It also provides the administrative location for the function of substantive and technical servicing of the ~~Administrative Committee on Coordination~~ **Board**, which is supported on an inter-agency basis. [*changed to reflect new arrangements for inter-agency coordination*]

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

Objective

7.6 The objective of this subprogramme is to advance the role of the United Nations in the economic and social field by: (a) coordinating substantive support provided to relevant aspects of the work of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly; ~~and~~ **(b) supporting the further strengthening of the Economic and Social Council to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations, including by providing new opportunities for interaction among the diverse stakeholders in development and by adapting the Council's working methods to new requirements; and** ~~(b)~~ **(c)** by reinforcing the capacity of the Economic and Social Council in the exercise of its overall guidance and coordination roles and in the promotion of policy dialogue on interrelated economic and social issues, including the **advancement of the socio-economic goals and targets of the Millennium Declaration, as well as through the use of information and communication technologies for development, the** coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, the special meetings with financial and trade institutions and the preparation and follow-up of triennial policy reviews of operational activities for development. As part of this objective, it will assist in promoting effective implementation within the United Nations system, in particular through the **United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination** ~~Administrative Committee on Coordination~~ and its subsidiary machinery, of the Council's recommendations, and will facilitate close collaboration between the Council and the **Board** ~~Committee~~. [*changed to reflect General Assembly resolutions 55/2 and 56/95, Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/29 and new arrangements for inter-agency coordination*]

Strategy

7.7 Responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination. The Division will seek to achieve the objective through a multi-pronged strategy, which will include:

(a) Providing effective support to the Economic and Social Council, including its coordinating segment;

(b) Expanding interaction between the Council and the **United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination** ~~Administrative Committee on Coordination~~; [*changed to reflect new arrangements for inter-agency coordination*]

(c) Ensuring that preparation for the work of the General Assembly in the economic and social field and of the Council benefit from coordinated inputs from all concerned parts of the Organization and the system as a whole;

(d) Strengthening the interactive nature of the debates of the Assembly and the Council, including through panel discussions **and round tables** with participation from the United Nations financial and trade institutions, **United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies,** non-governmental organizations **in consultative status with the Council, universities, the private sector** and other relevant stakeholders of civil society; [*changed to reflect the full scope of the actors involved in the debates*]

(e) Assisting in maximizing the policy relevance of the outcomes of the work of the Assembly and the Council and ensuring that arrangements are in place to monitor their effective implementation by, inter alia, linking the outcomes of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council to the deliberations in the framework of the General Assembly;

(f) Supporting the regular consultations among the President of the Council and the presiding officers of other principal organs, especially the General Assembly and the Security Council. [*changed to reflect General Assembly resolution 55/285*]

Expected accomplishments

7.8 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) A strengthened role of the General Assembly in the economic and social fields and ~~enhanced effectiveness~~ **reinforced capacity** of the Economic and Social Council in **the exercise of its overall policy guidance and coordination roles and in the promotion of policy dialogue on** ~~advancing consensus-building and policy coordination on key~~ interrelated **economic and social** ~~international development cooperation~~ issues, including operational activities for development; [*changed to reflect table 9.7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

~~(b) More effective policy guidance and coordination by the Economic and Social Council vis-à-vis the work of its functional commissions;~~

~~(c)~~ **(b)** ~~Provision of stronger substantive support to~~ **Enhanced capacity of** the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations ~~and to~~ **as well as of** non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council **to interact with the Council.** [*changed to reflect table 9.7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

~~(d) More effective interactions between the Council and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;~~

~~(e) More effective interactions between the Council and trade and financial institutions~~

Indicators of achievement

7.9 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) An enumeration of the ways in which the subprogramme has promoted consensus-building on key development issues, including upstream policy issues such as adoption of recommendations, communiqués and agreed conclusions, **as well as efficient and effective deliberations on the follow-up to the Millennium Declaration and relevant issues**; [*changed to reflect new mandates*]

(b) ~~Usefulness of results of the interactive debates and panel~~ **Satisfaction of Member States with dialogues, round-table** discussions and **panels** ~~dissemination of those deliberations, including through the Internet~~;

(c) The ~~level of~~ satisfaction of ~~participants in the intergovernmental processes~~ **Member States and relevant actors** with respect to the **extent to which the programme** supports ~~support provided to those processes~~ **interactive debates of the Council, including gender-balanced participation from the United Nations system, the private sector and non-governmental organizations;**

(d) The satisfaction of Member States with respect to the relevance, coordination and timeliness of inputs from concerned parts of the Organization and the system as a whole;

(e) Improved linkages between normative and operational work in the economic and social areas;

(f) Closer collaboration among the actors in the economic and social areas, including the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, the Bretton Woods institutions and others;

(g) Feedback from Member States on the relevance of the triennial review of operational activities for development and related activities;

(h) Increased awareness by Member States and other relevant actors of interrelated economic and social issues and international instruments to address them effectively;

(i) Increased contribution of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to the work of the Council;

(j) Elimination of the backlog of applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Council and timely consideration of the caseload by the Committee on non-governmental organizations.

[*subparagraphs (b)-(j) changed to reflect table 9.7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

Objective

7.10 The main objective is to promote the effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, ~~and~~ the outcome of their review by the General Assembly at its special session held in June 2000, **the Security Council resolution on women, peace and security and the recommendations on gender equality contained in the Millennium Declaration**. The subprogramme works towards ensuring women's full enjoyment of their human rights, and to this end it will ensure support to assist the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to increase its effectiveness and efficiency. An important objective of the subprogramme is to support the mainstreaming of a gender perspective at all levels. The improvement of the gender balance and of gender equality in the United Nations Secretariat and promotion of a more gender-sensitive work environment are also part of the subprogramme's objectives. [*changed to reflect new mandates*]

7.11 The Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women provide guidance to the subprogramme. ~~The special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" is also is expected to provide further guidance in the implementation of the subprogramme.~~ [*changed to reflect the updated situation*]

Strategy

7.12 The Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women will pursue the above objectives through a strategy that will build on providing effective support to intergovernmental bodies, integrating policy advisory services into the overall programme of work and expanding interaction and communication with civil society. In addition, the strategy will enable the subprogramme to play a more effective role in advancing gender mainstreaming as well as in implementing system-wide the Platform for Action and the outcome of the special session by, inter alia, increasing the effectiveness of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and ~~the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination~~ **inter-agency collaboration** under the leadership of the Special Adviser. [*changed to reflect new inter-agency coordination arrangements*]

Expected accomplishments

7.13 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) ~~Noticeable progress in~~ Mainstreaming **of** a gender perspective int~~o~~ the work **programmes and activities** of intergovernmental forums, entities of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and Member States; [*changed to reflect table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(b) Enhanced capacity ~~to provide effective gender advisory services that assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, in implementing~~ **of Member States and enhanced involvement of all other actors to effectively implement the recommendations contained in** the Beijing Declaration and the Platform

for Action **of the Fourth World Conference on Women**, ~~and~~ the outcome of ~~their review by the General Assembly at its special session in June 2000, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and subsequent intergovernmental mandates~~ **the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the Millennium Declaration**; [*changed to reflect table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253, and the addition of new mandates*]

(c) Establishment of an expanded framework for information exchange and communication with Governments and civil society;

(d) The achievement, within the United Nations Secretariat, of gender balance in a greater number of departments and offices and improvement of women's representation at all levels and in all occupations in the Professional category and above without prejudice to the provisions of Article 101 of the Charter, **as well as the establishment of a more gender-sensitive and supportive work environment for all staff**; [*changed to reflect table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget* for the biennium 2002-2003, *approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(e) Increased efficiency and effectiveness of ~~the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality~~ **inter-agency collaboration;** [*changed to reflect new inter-agency coordination arrangement*]

(f) An increased number of ratifications of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its optional protocol, increased compliance by States parties with reporting obligations under the Convention and improved coordination between the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in contributing to the development and strengthening of human rights mechanisms to ensure the enjoyment by women of their human rights;

(g) ~~Increased~~ **Enhanced** capacity of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women ~~as indicated in article 18 of the Convention~~ **to fulfil its mandate under the Convention and the Optional Protocol.** [*changed to reflect table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

Indicators of achievement

7.14 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) ~~An assessment of the progress achieved in mainstreaming a gender perspective through analysis of the outcome of the deliberations of the intergovernmental forums, the inclusion of a gender perspective in the work programmes of the entities of the United Nations system and the responses received from Member States on the measures taken by them;~~ **An increased number of United Nations programmes and activities in which gender has been mainstreamed;** [*changed to reflect table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(b) The number of ratifications of the Convention and its Optional Protocol, the number of States parties submitting their reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on time and the number of reports examined by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

(c) **Satisfaction expressed by States parties with regard to** ~~The usefulness of the~~ advisory services, **information and outreach activities** provided **to them to improve their compliance with reporting obligations under the Convention** ~~and related areas of work~~; [*changed to reflect table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(d) **An increase in the number of departments and offices that had gender-sensitivity training and the number of policies and practices introduced to advance the work-family agenda, an increased number of entities reaching gender balance and an increased** ~~The~~ percentage of women in posts at the Professional category and above in the ~~Secretariat~~ **secretariats of the United Nations system of organizations, including in peacekeeping,** and **an** improvement in their distribution by grade; [*changed to reflect table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(e) An increase in the activities and accountability measures for gender mainstreaming included in the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women;

(f) The development of tools and methodologies and the promotion of good practices with respect to system-wide gender mainstreaming ~~by the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination~~ **through inter-agency collaboration**, including enhancement of the capabilities of the regional economic commissions to work as focal points for inter-agency coordination on gender issues within the United Nations system; [*changed to reflect new inter-agency coordination arrangements*]

(g) **The satisfaction of Member States and other relevant actors with regard to the contribution of reports and other technical documents, substantive servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies, advisory services, training materials, advocacy and information outreach to enhance national capacity to implement recommendations contained in the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the Millennium Declaration.** [*new text reflects table 9.9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253 and the addition of a new mandate*]

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

Objective

7.15 The main objective is to strengthen international cooperation for social development, with particular attention to the three core issues of poverty eradication, employment generation and social integration. ~~The subprogramme will also aim to advance work on ageing, disability and the family, and to promote the internationally agreed programmes on youth.~~ **A further objective is to promote internationally agreed programmes for older persons, people with disabilities and youth, and to advance work on family and intergenerational issues.** The subprogramme is under the intergovernmental guidance of the Commission for Social Development. [*changed to reflect accepted terminology*]

Strategy

7.16 The Division for Social Policy and Development is responsible for the subprogramme. Utilizing the Division's capacity for policy analysis, intergovernmental support and advisory services, the strategy will include assisting Governments and other actors by advancing common norms, policies and cooperative action and developing integrated approaches. To this end, implementation of the subprogramme will be achieved through:

(a) Identifying further initiatives on the basis of an assessment and appraisal of the implementation of measures, recommendations and activities related to the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (1991-2000) and the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), **with a view to achieving the goal to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world's people whose income is less than one dollar a day, as contained in the Millennium Declaration**; [*changed to reflect new mandate*]

(b) Promoting the implementation of the commitments and policies contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (1995), and promoting also, in this context, additional measures and **further** initiatives **for social development** adopted by the General Assembly at its **twenty-fourth** special session **(2000)** ~~for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development, held in June 2000~~, and ~~by~~ pertinent decisions of the Commission for Social Development; [*changed to reflect the updated situations*]

(c) Improving research, data collection and policy analysis;

(d) At the request of Governments, providing advisory services and carrying out technical cooperation activities, including training;

(e) Providing assistance to Governments and the global community to further the implementation of major intergovernmental policy documents on **the integration of older persons ageing, people with** disabilities and youth, **as well as policies and programmes to advance families and**

intergenerational issues. The documents include ~~including~~ the International Plan of Action on Ageing, ~~and its revision and updates~~, the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond. **The subprogramme will also facilitate** ~~and facilitating~~ access to information in these areas through, inter alia, the development of an Internet-accessible database on relevant policies and implementation thereof. [*changed to reflect accepted terminology*]

Expected accomplishments

7.17 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) More effective implementation of the commitments and policies ~~contained~~ **adopted** in **the Millennium Declaration,** the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and ~~the outcome of the General Assembly at its special session held in June 2000~~ **further initiatives on social development of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;** [*changed to reflect table 9.11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253, and the addition of a new mandate*]

(b) ~~The provision of effective assistance to Member States in achieving~~ **Improved ability of Member States to pursue** the goal of eradicating poverty through decisive national action and international cooperation; ~~particularly in the context of the objectives of the Social Summit;~~ [*changed to reflect table 9.11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(c) ~~Strengthened capacity of the international community to respond to long-term and emerging issues in socio-economic development;~~ **Better understanding and awareness by Governments, civil society and the private sector with regard to emerging issues in the field of social development, including gender issues, particularly through improved and timely access by Governments, non-governmental organizations, academia and individuals to United Nations research and analysis in the field of social development;** [*changed to reflect table 9.11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(d) Increased technical and institutional capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to formulate and implement effective social **and economic** policies and programmes contributing to economic and sustainable development and provision of support to socio-economic aspects of development, including reconstruction and rehabilitation processes in post-conflict situations; [*changed to reflect table 9.11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

(e) ~~Strengthened capacity of Governments and the global community to further the implementation of the major intergovernmental policy documents on ageing, including the International Plan of Action on Ageing;~~ **Increased awareness by national Governments and the international community of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, and enhanced capacity of Member States to advance work on social integration, including issues related to older persons, persons with disabilities, youth and families;** [*changed to reflect table 9.11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253, and the addition of a list of international instruments*]

~~(f) Greater implementation of international norms and standards for equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities;~~

~~(g) Enhanced capacity of Governments to formulate, implement and evaluate family-related policies and programmes;~~

~~(h) Enhanced youth participation in activities related to development and peace.~~

Indicators of achievement

7.18 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) ~~The level of~~ Satisfaction expressed by **Member States** with ~~respect~~ **regard** to the ~~support provided to the various policy processes~~ **contributions**

of the subprogramme to integrating social development goals and incorporating a gender perspective into national strategies and policies;

(b) ~~Progress in achieving quantitative and qualitative targets adopted by the intergovernmental process, in particular the Social Summit and the outcome of its review;~~ **Closer collaboration between United Nations agencies, funds and programmes on issues of social development;**

(c) ~~The number of social policies and initiatives formulated and developed and their incorporation into public policies at the national and international levels;~~ **Satisfaction expressed by Member States with regard to the contribution of the subprogramme to improving their ability to reassess macroeconomic policies with the aim of giving employment generation and reduction of the poverty level a central place in the goals of macroeconomic policy;**

(d) ~~The impact of advisory services provided in the areas of work of the subprogramme.~~ **Feedback from Governments on the extent to which advisory services and training workshops contributed to capacity-building in implementing effective social policies and programmes;**

(e) **Feedback on the contribution of the subprogramme to increasing Member States' efforts in the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, adopted at the World Assembly on Ageing (2002); increased implementation of international norms and standards for the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities; better integration of youth concerns into national development policies; and an increase in the number of family-related policies and programmes adopted at the national level;**

(f) **Increased interest of non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations, in the work of the Commission, international or regional meetings and conferences related to social development, measured, inter alia, by the number of accreditations granted for relevant meetings;**

(g) **Feedback from users on the extent to which the research findings in the field of social development prepared by the Division contributed to development.**

[*subparagraphs (a)-(g) reflect table 9.11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253; subparagraph (e) also includes reference to a new mandate*]

Subprogramme 7
Global development trends, issues and policies

Strategy

7.33 The Development Policy Analysis division is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Supporting ~~the~~ efforts **to achieve good governance within each country, good governance at the international level and transparency in the financial and monetary systems, as called for in the Millennium Declaration;** ~~of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, and economies in transition to mobilize financial resources for development by advancing the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, to be held in 2001;~~ [*changed to reflect new mandate*]

(b) Addressing, through research and analysis, **the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the International Conference on Financing for Development, in particular in the areas of** ~~issues pertaining to~~ domestic resource mobilization, ~~augmentation of~~ official development assistance, ~~and increasing~~ international private capital flows, the ~~new challenges faced by the~~ international financial system and the financial opportunities and challenges presented by the increased role of the private sector in economic activity and the globalization of financial markets; [*changed to reflect new mandates*]

(c) Providing the analysis of necessary actions to promote international financial stability to improve early warning, prevention and response capabilities for dealing with the emergence and spread of financial crises in a timely manner, and to reform the international financial system, while also remaining responsive to the challenges of development and the protection of the most vulnerable countries and social

groups, including evaluation of the role of the international financial institutions;

(d) ~~Providing assistance, on request, to Member States and relevant intergovernmental bodies in examining~~ **Analysing** developmental trends **and** ~~identifying~~ new and emerging long-term development challenges and **providing assistance, on request, to relevant intergovernmental bodies in** formulating long-term development strategies; ~~Thus, the subprogramme would contribute to the formulation of new goals and strategies for long-term development;~~ [*changed to reflect more accurately the strategy pursued under the subprogramme*]

(e) Fostering closer collaboration and understanding among the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions, **as called for in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration" (A/56/326, paras. 269 and 298), adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/95.** [*changed to reflect new mandates*]

Expected accomplishments

7.34 ~~Noteworthy among the~~ Expected accomplishments would **include:** ~~be a constructive dialogue on macroeconomic policy in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council through systematic surveys of the global economy and the provision of substantive support to the policy processes, such as those relating to the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.~~

(a) Strengthened dialogue on macroeconomic policy issues and financing for development in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

(b) Enhanced understanding in developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition of the actions necessary to mobilize and allocate, in an efficient and gender-neutral manner, domestic financial resources for development;

(c) Intergovernmental dialogue at the United Nations on the globalization of financial markets, international financial stability and early warning, prevention and response to financial crises that advance discussion on such matters;

(d) Increased discussion in the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly of long-term development trends, including their gender dimensions, and progress in formulating long-term development strategies and mainstreaming of the gender dimension in them.

[*subparagraphs (a)-(d) were added to reflect table 9.19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253; subparagraph (a) also reflects the addition of a new mandate*]

Indicators of achievement

7.35 Indicators of achievement would include: ~~a percentage increase in the number of consensus decisions reached and action taken by the United Nations, the international community in general and Governments on measures to accelerate growth and development in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including implementation of national, regional and international efforts to make the global financial system more responsive to the challenges of development that emanate from the high-level event on financing for development and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.~~

(a) Satisfaction by Member States on the extent to which publications and reports prepared under the subprogramme contribute to better understanding of the issues;

(b) Increased exchange of national experiences resulting from debates in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

(c) An increase in the number of consultations at all levels, among the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions;

(d) Feedback from Member States on the extent to which the analysis provided to the Assembly and the Council on long-term developmental trends prompted discussions on such issues.

[*subparagraphs (a)-(d) changed to reflect table 9.19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium*

2002-2003, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]

Subprogramme 9
Sustainable forest development [*new*]

Objective

7.40 The objective is to provide for continued policy development and dialogue among Governments and international organizations, including major groups, as identified in Agenda 21, to facilitate implementation of forest-related agreements and foster a common understanding on sustainable forest management; to address forest issues and emerging areas of concern in a holistic, comprehensive and integrated manner and to promote the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests with the view to strengthening long-term political commitment, based on the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests (Forest Principles), chapter 11 of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IPF/IFF) process.

Strategy

7.41 The secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests is responsible for the subprogramme. The implementation of the subprogramme will be based on the Rio Declaration, the Forest Principles, chapter 11 of Agenda 21, the proposals for action identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the outcome of the IPF/IFF process.

Expected accomplishments

7.42 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) Fostering international cooperation in sustainable forest management and development among Member States, including coordination between North and South and public and private partnerships, as well as cross-sectoral cooperation at the national, regional and global levels;

(b) Facilitating and promoting the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action, as well as other actions that may be agreed upon;

(c) Strengthening political commitments to the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests through ministerial engagements, action-oriented dialogues and policy formulation related to forests;

(d) Monitoring and assessing progress at the national, regional and global levels through reporting by Governments, as well as by regional and international organizations, institutions and instruments.

Indicators of achievement

7.43 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) The number of coordination and cooperation activities implemented on mutually agreed actions on forests and the fostering of synergies;

(b) The adoption and implementation of the plan of action for the implementation of the proposals of IPF/IFF, including the meeting of targets, timetables and financial provisions, and the number of national, regional and global activities carried out in support of national forest and other integrated land-use programmes;

(c) The number of high-level ministerial segment meetings, including policy dialogues between the ministers and executive heads of organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and the formulation of policies relating to the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests;

(d) Establishment of an effective mechanism to monitor, assess and report on progress made.

Legislative mandates

Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

General Assembly resolutions

~~50/161~~ ~~Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (subprogrammes 3, 5, 6 and 8)~~

~~50/203~~ ~~Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (subprogrammes 2, 5 and 6)~~

~~52/186~~ ~~Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (subprogrammes 1 and 7)~~

~~53/192~~ ~~Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (subprogrammes 1 and 2, 3 and 8)~~

55/2 **United Nations Millennium Declaration (all subprogrammes)**

55/191 **Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (subprogrammes 7 and 8)**

56/95 **Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (all subprogrammes)**

56/132 **Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (subprogrammes 2, 5 and 6)**

56/177 **Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (subprogrammes 3, 5, 6 and 8)**

56/190 **High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (subprogrammes 1 and 7)**

56/201 **Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (subprogrammes 1, 2, 3 and 8)**

56/209 **Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (subprogrammes 1 and 7)**

56/211 **Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (all subprogrammes)**

Economic and Social Council resolutions

~~1999/55 Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (all subprogrammes)~~

2001/21 Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits (all subprogrammes)

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

General Assembly resolutions

~~53/169 Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence~~

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

2000/19 Funding operational activities for development of the United Nations system

2000/20 Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/192 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

2000/29 Information and communications technologies task force

2000/213 Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council

2000/216 Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1999 session and provisional agenda for the 2000 session of the Committee

2001/1 Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

2001/27 Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B: improving the working methods of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

2001/210 Establishment of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

2000/2 on the assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

2001/1 on the role of the United Nations in promoting development, particularly with respect to access to and transfer of knowledge and technology, especially information and communication technologies, inter alia, through partnerships with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector

Ministerial declarations of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council

2000 **Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy**

2001 **The role of the United Nations system in support of the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development**

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

Security Council resolution

1325 (2000) on women, peace and security

General Assembly resolutions

~~54/141~~ ~~Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action~~

55/66 **Working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour**

55/67 **Traffic in women and girls**

55/68 **Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first-century"**

~~54/139~~ **56/127** **Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system**

~~54/133~~ **56/128** Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls

~~54/135~~ **56/129** Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

~~54/138~~ **56/131** Violence against women migrant workers

~~54/210~~ **56/188** Women in development

~~54/137~~ **56/229** Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1999/257 **Enabling the Commission on the Status of Women to continue to carry out its mandate**

2001/4 **Proposals for a multi-year programme of work for the Commission on the Status of Women for 2002-2006**

2001/41 **Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system**

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

General Assembly resolutions

~~53/109~~ ~~International Year of Older Persons, 1999~~

~~54/23~~ ~~Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development~~

~~54/24~~ ~~Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons~~

~~54/124~~ ~~Follow-up to the International Year of the Family~~

S-24/2 **Further initiatives for social development**

56/113 **Preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family**

56/114 **Cooperatives in social development**

~~52/82~~ **56/115** Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century

~~54/120~~ **56/117** Policies and programmes involving youth

~~54/232~~ **56/207** Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), **including the proposal to establish a world solidarity fund for poverty eradication**

56/228 **Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing**

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2000/10 **Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities**

2001/7 **Proposals for a multi-year programme of work of the Commission for Social Development for 2002-2006**

2001/42 **Global campaign for poverty eradication**

Subprogramme 7
Global development trends, issues and policies

General Assembly resolutions

~~53/179~~ ~~Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy~~

~~54/196~~ ~~High level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development~~

~~54/197~~ ~~Towards a stable international financial system, responsive to the challenges of development, especially in the developing countries~~

~~54/206 Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade~~

~~54/213 Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership~~

~~54/231 Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence~~

55/245 A and B Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development

56/181 Towards a strengthened and stable international financial architecture responsive to the priorities of growth and development, especially in developing countries, and to the promotion of economic and social equity

56/184 Enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problems of developing countries

56/191 Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

56/210 International Conference on Financing for Development

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Programme 8
Africa: New Agenda for Development

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan proposed in the annex are as follows: modification of the overall orientation (paras. 8.3, 8.5 and 8.6) and of subprogramme 1 (para. 8.9), subprogramme 2 (paras. 8.12 and 8.13) and subprogramme 3 (para. 8.18).

4. The proposed revisions reflect action taken by the General Assembly, in particular through its resolutions 55/2, 55/216, 55/217, 55/279 and 56/95, as well as the ministerial declaration adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its high-level segment of 2001 (see A/56/3, chap. III).

5. There is no specialized reviewing body for this programme. The revisions are submitted directly to the central reviewing bodies for their consideration.

6. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 (Introduction, Sects. 1-33 and Income sects. 1-3). It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

7. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

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Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 8, Africa: New Agenda for Development

Overall orientation

8.3 The mandate of the programme derives from various General Assembly resolutions, especially 53/90, 54/232, ~~and~~ 54/234, **55/2, 55/216, 55/217, 55/279 and 56/95. Section VII of the road map towards the implementation of the Millennium Declaration (A/56/326) and the ministerial declaration of the 2001 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council articulated the priority actions for achieving Africa's development goals.** The activities to be undertaken within the framework of this programme are also derived from the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, in which he made wide-ranging recommendations on the question of peace and development in Africa; the Organization of African Unity **(OAU)** resolution entitled "Relaunching Africa's economic and social development: the Cairo Agenda for Action"; ~~and~~ the Tokyo Agenda for Action, adopted by the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development in 1998 **and the Africa-led New African Initiative (later renamed the New Partnership for Africa's Development), adopted by OAU in July 2001 and endorsed in the ministerial declaration of the Economic and Social Council.** *[changed to reflect new mandates of the General Assembly as well as the ministerial declaration of the Economic and Social Council]*

8.5 The efforts to address the problems of the development of Africa under this programme would need to continue over the plan period, **especially in relation to the United Nations system's support to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development**. A final review of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s will be carried out in 2002. It is expected that the outcome of this review would provide further guidance to the programme in the plan period. *[changed to reflect the ministerial declaration of the Economic and Social Council]*

8.6 The programme's strategy would be organized around three main sets of activities: (a) the mobilization and coordination of international support; (b) enhanced monitoring and assessment of activities **at the field level;** and (c) advocacy and global awareness of the region's critical economic and social situation. To that end, at the policy level the programme would facilitate the work of intergovernmental and ad hoc bodies that discuss Africa through the submission of high-quality studies, proposals for action and progress reports on the status of implementation of action programmes. At the operational level, it would be based on the utilization of regular consultations and information sharing on the priorities established by national Governments and intergovernmental processes with a view to enabling Africa to derive maximum benefit from improved coordination of the activities undertaken by the agencies of the United Nations system. The programme would actively promote partnership between Africa and the stakeholders in its development through a better flow of information and organizing forums for policy makers and experts. *[changed to clarify the focus of the activities]*

Subprogramme 1
Mobilization of international support and global coordination

Strategy

8.9 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The subprogramme's strategy will be geared to creating an environment that enables the international community to commit its support to initiatives on Africa and to give effect to its commitments, and to enhancing ownership by African countries of their development processes. To that end, it will promote and strengthen the partnership between Africa and its development partners through the exchange of experiences and improved flow of information, based on the priorities of the New Agenda for the Development of Africa, **as well as any other successor arrangement that the General Assembly might adopt at its fifty-seventh session**. The subprogramme will also encourage increased cooperation between Africa and the other regions, including through the Tokyo International

Conference on African Development process and other initiatives for greater South-South cooperation. At the policy level, it will contribute to the coordination of the response of the United Nations system to Africa through inputs, as necessary, to the work of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination. In addition, the subprogramme will promote **the** implementation of the **relevant provisions of the road map towards the implementation of the Millennium Declaration and the 2001 ministerial declaration of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the** recommendations of the United Nations global conferences as they affect Africa, especially actions pertaining to the eradication of poverty and the integration of African countries into the global economy. *[changed to reflect new mandates adopted by the General Assembly and the ministerial declaration of the Economic and Social Council]*

Subprogramme 2
Monitoring, assessment, facilitation and follow-up to the implementation of action programmes for African development

Objective

8.12 The objective of the subprogramme is to ensure implementation, **at the field level,** of the action programmes and initiatives on African development. *[changed to clarify the focus of the activities to be carried out under this subprogramme]*

Strategy

8.13 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Economic Commission for Africa. The ~~element of the~~ strategy will include **utilizing the work of the subregional development centres, as well as** improving collaboration and coordination with agencies of the United Nations system with a view to ensuring effective implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and of the agreed outcome of the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda. In that regard, the subprogramme will draw lessons from the experiences of Member States and agencies of the United Nations system in implementing the action programmes and will disseminate the information and best practices to the various stakeholders in African development. *[changed to reflect the role that the subregional development centres will be playing to support special programmes for Africa]*

Subprogramme 3
Campaign for global awareness of the critical economic situation in Africa

Strategy

8.18 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Africa Recovery Unit of the Department of Public Information. The strategy is based on maintaining the spotlight on Africa and ensuring international awareness of the region's social and economic crises and the efforts under way to address them. In so doing, the subprogramme will draw international attention to the relevant thematic issues, based on the priorities outlined in the action programmes, and policies and events at the global and regional levels and their impact on the development prospects of African countries. To that end, regular and ad hoc publications, including the quarterly *Africa Recovery* newsletter, a series of briefing papers, occasional press kits and press releases and radio programmes — in local languages and with greater emphasis on local content — will be prepared and disseminated as widely as possible, **both in print and through the Africa Recovery web site** *[changed to clarify the means of dissemination]*

Legislative mandates

Programme 8
Africa: New Agenda for Development

General Assembly resolutions

55/2	**United Nations Millennium Declaration**
55/210	**Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), including the initiative to establish a world solidarity fund for poverty eradication**
55/214	**Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**
55/216	**Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s**
55/217	**Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa**
55/279	**Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010**
56/95	**Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**

Economic and Social Council

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Programme 9
Trade and development

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are the modification of the overall orientation (para. 9.1) and of subprogramme 5 (paras. 9.28-9.30). The revisions take into account the relevant aspects of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

4. Unlike in previous years, in order to avoid duplication, the substantive revision of the medium-term plan took place in the context of the mid-term review of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), a process endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/178 of 21 December 2001, rather than in the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget. The member States of UNCTAD conducted the mid-term review between January and April 2002, and considered the implementation of the commitments adopted at the tenth session of UNCTAD, the implications for UNCTAD of the latest developments within the United Nations system as well the orientations of the organization leading to the eleventh session.

5. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 (Introduction, Sects. 1-33 and Income sects. 1-3). It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

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6. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 9, Trade and development

Overall orientation

9.1 The overall purpose of the programme is the integration of developing countries into the world economy in a manner that enhances the development opportunities of and addresses the problems associated with the globalization process while helping to shape international economic relations in the twenty-first century. The mandates for the programme flow from the role and responsibilities assigned to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) by the General Assembly, beginning with its resolution 1995 (XIX), by which UNCTAD was established, the quadrennial United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Economic and Social Council and the Trade and Development Board and its subsidiary bodies. Mandates for the coming four years are set out in the Bangkok Declaration: Global Dialogue and Dynamic Engagement (TD/387), ~~and~~ the Plan of Action (TD/386) adopted by UNCTAD at its tenth session, held from 12 to 19 February 2000, **and the relevant aspects of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, adopted at the third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in May 2001 in Brussels (A/CONF.191/11). Through the implementation of the Bangkok Plan of Action and the relevant aspects of the Brussels Programme of Action, UNCTAD would contribute to the attainment of goals described in the "road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration" (A/56/326), particularly in relation to trade, investment, debt and resource mobilization, including official development assistance and private financial flows.** *[changes reflect new mandates]*

Subprogramme 5
Special Programme on the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

[new title reflects action taken by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/227]

Objective

9.28 The objective of this subprogramme is to contribute to the progressive and beneficial integration and participation in the global economy and international trading system of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, including through the implementation of the **relevant** outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and contribution to the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries. ~~and to contribute to the graduation of least developed countries~~ *[changes reflect the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227]*

Strategy

9.29 ~~The Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries will bear substantive responsibility for this subprogramme~~. **The responsibility for the subprogramme will be borne by a new organizational unit called the Special Programme on the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. The strategy to be followed will include: (i)** ~~It will pursue the subprogramme's objective by building on the coordination undertaken in the run-up to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries by~~ following up, monitoring and assessing the progress in the implementation of the **relevant** outcomes of the **Third United Nations** Conference **on the Least Developed Countries**, General Assembly resolutions and other international initiatives **that fall within the areas of expertise of UNCTAD;** ~~and by promoting the United Nations~~

~~system-wide coordination of that implementation and~~ **(ii)** following up the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries; ~~It will also continue to facilitate~~ **(iii) facilitating** the implementation of the Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation between Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Donor Community; and **(iv)** ~~contribute~~ **contributing** to the implementation of the relevant aspects of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. ~~It~~ **The subprogramme** will further contribute**, in aspects relevant to UNCTAD,** to the consideration by the General Assembly and other relevant intergovernmental forums of the specific problems of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, and coordinate technical assistance activities within UNCTAD in favour of those countries. *[changes reflect the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227]*

Expected accomplishments

9.30 Expected accomplishments would include the effective implementation of **the relevant parts of the** outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; progress in the implementation of the Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation between Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Donor Community; and effective contribution to the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action in aspects relevant to UNCTAD. *[changes reflect the provisions of General Assembly resolution 56/227]*

Legislative mandates

Subprogrammes 1 to 5

55/2	**United Nations Millennium Declaration**
56/95	**Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**
56/227	**Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**

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Programme 10
Environment

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2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are as follows: modification of the overall orientation (para. 10.3) and of subprogramme 4 (paras. 10.20-10.22). The revisions include reference to the Millennium Declaration, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The negotiations on the two conventions have been finalized, and they are open for signature and ratification.

4. The proposed revisions will be submitted to the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme.

5. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2 (Introduction, sects. 1-33 and Income sects. 1-3). It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

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Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 10, Environment

Overall orientation

10.3 Building on and consistent with the Nairobi Declaration and the decisions of the Governing Council adopted at its twentieth session, the overall strategy of UNEP for achieving the programme's objectives is broken down into seven functional, interdependent and complementary subprogrammes. The main elements of the overall strategy include: (a) filling the information and knowledge gap on critical environmental issues through more comprehensive assessments; (b) identifying and further developing the use of appropriate integrated policy measures in tackling the root causes of major environmental concerns; and (c) mobilizing action for better integration of international action to improve the environment, particularly in relation to regional and multilateral agreements, as well as United Nations system-wide collaborative arrangements. **The strategy reflects all the elements relating to UNEP contained in General Assembly resolutions 55/2 on the Millennium Declaration and 56/95 on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.** [*changed to reflect updated mandates*]

Subprogramme 4
Technology, industry and economics

Strategy

10.20 More specifically, the strategy will include: (a) promoting the understanding and knowledge of environmental issues related to industrial and urban development, trade and the economy, sustainable consumption patterns, use of natural resources (particularly energy and water) and chemicals, as well as alternative projects; (b) building capacity through a participatory "learn-by-doing" approach to addressing countries' economic, environmental and social needs according to national and regional development priorities; (c) developing consensus on policies and tools needed to respond to the problems identified, such as the ~~new~~ Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the ~~future legally binding international instrument on persistent organic pollutants~~, **Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,** codes of practice, economic instruments and so on; (d) through information exchange, technology transfer and capacity-building, providing technical support to the chemicals agenda and facilitating the effective and integrated implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, with a particular focus on the UNEP-administered conventions, the Rotterdam Convention (jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) and the ~~future persistent organic pollutants convention~~ **Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**; (e) facilitating the widespread transfer on favourable terms, adoption and use of technology in urban areas, freshwater basins and industry sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition; (f) assisting countries and industries in the production of cleaner and safer methods of production and the development of more sustainable products and services; (g) promoting practical and cost-effective approaches to the assessment of trade policies and to the implementation of environmentally sustainable trade policies; (h) demonstrating, in association with other partners active at the local level, the effectiveness of policies and tools suggested, while involving national experts in the formulation and implementation of UNEP-sponsored projects; and (i) making full use of the complementarity between the work of UNEP and the activities carried out by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Trade Organization (WTO) in the field of trade and environment, aiming at strengthening coherence in the rules and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and the WTO agreements. [*changed to update the reference to the two conventions, which have been opened for signature and ratification*]

Expected accomplishments

10.21 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) **the enhanced capacity of countries to assess and adopt environmentally sound technologies and practices and** greater worldwide use of technologies, products and services that are cleaner and safer; (b) **the widespread introduction and** ~~more efficient~~ use of **renewable** energy and **technologies and other raw materials at the national level** ~~water~~; (c) **the wider**

adoption of open policies by industry towards reporting on their natural resource use and their environmental and social performance, including the gender dimension ~~reduced pollution and risks for human beings and their environments~~; (d) **trade and investment policies that reflect the integration of** ~~identification of means of minimizing the adverse~~ environmental ~~impacts of economic policy, especially trade liberalization and investment policies~~ **considerations**; (e) **a change in the behaviour of decision makers in national government, regional and local authorities, finance and industry, as well as the public at large, towards sustainable production and consumption patterns** ~~identification of win-win situations to balance concurrent economic and environmental gains~~; and (f) adherence to the goals of the International Declaration on Cleaner Production. [*changed to align with table 12.14 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253*]

Indicators of achievement

10.22 The indicators of achievement would include: (a) the number of countries, organizations and industries adopting policies, regulations or codes that require cleaner and safer production practices, products and services; (b) the number of **countries making specific mention of** ~~cases in which~~ renewable energy ~~technologies are introduced and used in developing countries~~ **as an element of their national energy policy and strategy**; (c) the **number of companies using the Global Reporting Initiative Guidelines to report on their** use **of natural resources and their** ~~by industry of energy audits as a component of overall cleaner production/~~environmental **and social performance, including the gender dimension** ~~management systems approaches~~; (d) the number of **Governments implementing policy tools for integrating environment and trade policies** ~~countries and industries commencing or strengthening programmes on awareness of and preparedness for emergencies at the local level or the equivalent and the number of companies adopting environmental management systems~~; (e) **an increased proportion of** ~~the number of environmentally responsible investment patterns employed by the~~ private sector **partners developing and using** ~~and the development and use of~~ environmental procedures and practices **leading to investment patterns that are considered environmentally sound**; (f) the number of **countries that have improved their capacity to assess and adopt sound technologies and practices as a result of** ~~partnership agreements developed and concluded with sectoral role players, accompanied by the expression by partners of confidence in UNEP or satisfaction in~~ UNEP **capacity-building activities** ~~services~~; ~~and~~ (g) the number of signatures to the International Declaration on Cleaner Production; **and (h) the number of signatures/ratifications to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**. [*changed to align with table 12.14 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253, and to update reference to the two conventions, which have been opened for signature and ratification*]

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